

Teacher Resource 4 What happened to Captain Annear?

Captain William Annear (11th Battalion) HMAT *Ascanius*

Click on this site to show the class what can be discovered about one of the men who signed the card:

<http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/1landing/first-to-fall/11battalion/AWR.html>

William Richard Annear

Date of Birth: 1 May 1875

Place of Birth: Ballarat, Victoria

School: State

Religion: Church of England

Occupation: Commercial Traveller

Address: 53 Hensman Road, Subiaco, Western Australia

Marital Status: Single

Age at Embarkation: 39

Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs A Annear, 53 Hensman Road, Subiaco, Western Australia

Previous military service: Started about 12 years of age in Victorian Cadets Victorian

Artillery - subsequently West Australian G.I.R., then Area Officer Perth, Secretary Goldfields

Rifle Club etc. General military career for 28 years.

Enlistment Date: 1 September 1914

Rank on Enlistment: Captain

Unit Name: 11th Battalion, C Company

AWM Embarkation Roll No.: 23/28/1

Embarkation details: Unit embarked at Fremantle per Transport A11 'Ascanius' on 2

November 1914

Unit from Nominal Roll: 11th Battalion

Fate: Killed in Action 25 April 1915

Place of death or wounding: Gallipoli, Turkey

Age at death: 40

His name will be on the embarkation roll of the 11th Battalion if you search:

<http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/RCDIG1067557/?image=2&fullscreen=true>

What did he look like?

Go to the site below , click on An and scroll down to Annear. Why does he have a poppy on his photograph?

<http://ww1wa.gravesecrets.net/aa-ag.html>

The Australian War memorial has further information - did he enlist at Kalgoorlie?

<http://www.awm.gov.au/people/rolls/R1728404/>

What happened to him?

A soldier from the 11th Battalion wrote the following in his diary about events on 25 April, 1914

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/RCDIG1003299/?image=10&fullscreen=true#display-image>

"Captain Annear was killed in the morning of the 25th [April] whilst storming the cliffs..."

What were the cliffs like?



An elevated view of the beach, crowded with Australian and New Zealand troops the day after the landing at Anzac Cove

Where is he buried?

Scroll down on this site and you will find information on Captain Annear

http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/2visiting/graves/g_lonepine.html

All these primary sources provide students with information on the life and death of one soldier who travelled to war on the *Ascanius*.

Ask the students if they can find information about one of the soldiers who left from Fremantle in 1914.

You can read a short article on Captain William Annear in the *Gallipoli Dead* series which can be found on the HTAWA website at: http://htawa.net.au/gallipoli_dead.html